

# revolutionary tale



**T**own & Country Real Estate has a new agent in their Southold office who is a walking history book of sorts. In addition, both television programs and magazines have featured his 1700s home, while the History Channel did a story on his flag. But let's start at the beginning...

Gary Laube, a native East Ender and amateur historian, lived in different states before eventually buying his home in Southold where his ancestors settled in 1640. Laube has a love of 17th- and 18th-century homes and over the years has purchased and restored over two dozen, some of which were built as far back as 1690. The home he now resides in, known as the "Doctor's House," belonged to Southold's town doctor in the 1700s and was featured on HGTV and in *Early American Life* magazine.

Laube also collects military items from the Revolutionary War period; one of his treasures is the oldest U.S. flag ever made, the New England Pine Tree Flag. Original flags from that era have the St. George cross in the upper left-hand corner; eventually a small pine tree was added. The History Channel did a story on Laube's flag, which is the only known Pine Tree flag in existence from the pre-Revolutionary War era.

In addition to being an agent with Town & Country, Laube and business partner Chris Leaden own Village HouseWrights LLC, which specializes in building fine 18-century reproduction homes. Laube is also in the midst of negotiations with a publishing company about his book on 18th-century homes.

And keep your eyes open at historical reenactments...it's just possible that you'll see Laube in all his glory!



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